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Dr. Alfred Seidl
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Nuremberg, 1st April 1946

To: Office of the American Secretary,
Room 595,
International Military Tribunal.

Re. Rudolf H e s s and Crimes against Peace.

As regards the documents to which I have given the Documentary Proof Nos. Rudolf Hess 6, 10, 11, 12 and 14, they deal with speeches and decrees by the Fuehrer's deputy, which are contained in the books "Rudolf Hess, Speeches, Munich 1938", and with a decree which is published in the book "Instructions by the Fuehrer's Deputy". The book containing Rudolf Hess' speeches is in the library of the International Military Tribunal. I am not in a position to have access to it, in as much as it is a matter of inner procedure within the organization of the Military Tribunal. The same applies to the book "Instructions by the Fuehrer's Deputy", which already bears the Nos. 2639 - PS and 2787 - PS.

The affidavits of the witnesses B o h l e and S t r o e l i n are in the hands of the prosecution. I gave the two affidavits to a gentleman of the British prosecution to translate, and as far a my memory serves me that was on Monday morning 25th March 1946. If the two affidavits cannot be traced I am prepared to get a copy of each signed by the two witnesses and handed to the Secretariat.

I already sent, a few days ago, to the Secretariat a confirmation that all the document books produced by me represent true copies of the original documents.

Willey

Enclosed I hand you a questionnaire for the witness Alfred Hess, with the replies and result of the cross-examination.

(signed) Dr. Seidl,
Attorney-at-Law.

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
Office of the American Secretary
Room 595

March 29, 1946

Dr. Seidl (Defense Counsel)

I do not find that you have turned over to me for the files of the Tribunal your documents to which you gave Exhibit Numbers 6, 10, 11, 12, and 14.

I also think that you should give me the affidavits of BOHLE and STROELIN which you read to those witnesses.

I also call your attention to the fact that there is not appended to your documents a certificate that they are correct copies, as is required by the Order of the Tribunal of February 23.

certificate covering all documents filed

H. B. WILLEY
American Secretary

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1 April 1946

MEMORANDUM TO DR. SEIDL (Defense Counsel)

In addition to the documents referred to in my memorandum of March 29, you should hand me the signed copy of the reply of Alfred Hess to interrogatories.

H. B. WILLEY
American Secretary.

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18 April 1946

MEMO TO: Mr. Elliott

Reference Dr. Seidl's memo of 1 April, attached, please investigate the reference to the Book containing Rudolf Hess's speeches. Investigate the facts thru Mr. Willey who appears to be concerned since the memo is addressed to him.

A.M.S. NEAVE
Lt. Col. A.A.G.

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18 April 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Seidl

SUBJECT: Your memorandum of 1 April, addressed to the Office of the American Secretary.

I am requested by the General Secretary to ask you to prepare a copy of the two missing affidavits of the witnesses Bohle and Stroelin and forward them, duly signed, to this office.

A.M.S. NEAVE
Lt. Col., A.A.G.

AMSN:ka

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17 April 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: The General Secretary

I referred this matter to Major Wurmser because of the comments of the Russian Prosecution and asked him whether the Prosecution proposed that further copies of the affidavits should be obtained, as proposed by Major Wurmser, or whether the objection of the Russians to the record of Bohle's interrogation represented their views.

Please note the observations of the British Prosecution attached which seems to indicate that there is no objection on their part to Bohle's affidavit being put in, and that copies of this and the other affidavit that had been lost should be obtained from Seidl.

A.M.S. NEAVE
Lt. Col., A.A.G.

✓ Neave —

As Dr. Seidl is prepared to give the Prosecution copies of there affidavits it is O.K if the Prosecution want copies. I see no further action.

WLM

AMSN/ka

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17 April 1946

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Memorandum to Mr. Barrington. 15th April 1946.

1. Affidavit of Bohle

In giving evidence in chief the Affidavit of the witness Bohle was read into the record in its entirety (Transcript 6447 - 6451) and its contents thus became the sworn verbal evidence of the witness.

In other cases where their own affidadits have been read to witnesses, the procedure generally adopted has included the submission of the document itself as an exhibit. This appears unnecessary and only results in overloading the record.

Apart from the above, there is no objection to putting Bohle's Affidavit in as an exhibit.

2. Affidavit of Stroelin

The same applies. The Affidavit was read into the transcript on pages 6493 - 6496.

M.G.J.

A.G.W.

It is simply a question whether the General Secretary thinks the Defence should follow the practice at X above, or not. If he wants it to be followed, it can obviously do no harm. The Soviet delegation have no doubt not quite understood what the proposal is, owing to translation difficulties - JAS 15 Apr 46

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MGJ

I can't remember the facts of this very clearly — nor do I know what action we should take - Can you advise?

FHB
12/Mar

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From: Major Wurmser, R.E.,
Room 215

5 April, 1946.

To: The General Secretary,
The International Military Tribunal.

The attached reply to the memorandum submitted by Dr. Seidl, Defence Counsel for HESS, has been received from the Soviet Delegation.

Fwd our application and put on agenda.

Chairman,
Court Contact Committee,

Enclos.

Tell Seidl to get copies translated and put on agenda
Send to Wurmser.

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To: Major Wurmser, Room 215.

Hess' defence counsel, lawyer Seidl, put forward an application for the records of the witness Bohle's interrogation to be added to the case. The records of the interrogation are paid to have been handed to the British Prosecution by Seidl on the 25 March 1946.

I consider it unnecessary to add the records of Bohle's preliminary interrogation to the case, in view of the fact that this witness was subjected to cross examination in court.

The Tribunal has already decided the question of Hess' document files.

The Assistant to the Chief Prosecutor
from the U.S.S.R.

/signed/ Col. D. K A R E V.

5th April 1946.

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BRITISH WAR CRIMES EXECUTIVE [E.S.]

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From: Major A.G. Wurmser, 5th April, 1946.
Room 215.

Reference: Application by Dr. Seidl dated 1st April 1946.

Subject: Affidavits of Witnesses Bohle and Stroelin.

It is greatly regretted that the affidavits referred to in Paragraph 2 of this application were apparently lost by the British ~~Prosecution~~ Translation Section. The Prosecution would therefore be obliged if defence counsel would carry out his suggestion, i.e. get a copy of each, signed by the two witnesses, and hand them to the Secretariat.

Chairman,
Court Contact Committee.

To: The General Secretary,
International Military Tribunal.

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Certificate Dr. Seidl re Exhibits Rud. HESS

C E R T I F I C A T E

of

Dr. Alfred SEIDL

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Exhibits R u d o l p h H E S S

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